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To Whom it may concern

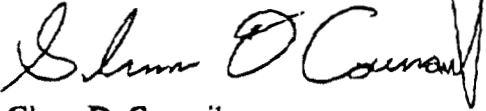
We would like to request an exemption from FAR 135.143(c)(2) of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR14) to the extent necessary to permit MG Aviation, Inc. to operate our helicopters under part 135 without a TSO-C112 (Mode S) transponder installed on the aircraft.

When we purchased the aircraft from the manufacturer the mode S transponders were not available as original equipment. Garmin has just recently received approval for their mode S transponder.

The level of safety for our operation will not be compromised. The aircraft do not have TCAS, which needs a mode S transponder to operate. Most of our operations are conducted out of radar coverage.

The cost of replacing these transponders is prohibitive, for a small company such as ours.

Very truly yours,



Glenn D. Council  
President